

Amendments in the Claims: (struck-through parts deleted and underlined parts added)

1. (currently amended) A quick release mud flap assembly ~~for removably attaching, said assembly being removably attachable to a floor rail of a vehicle, said~~

5 assembly comprising:

a flexible panel having a bottom end, a top end, a pair of side edges, a first side and a second side;

a rigid bracket being attached to and extending along a length of said top end; a plurality of clamps, each of said clamps being attached to said bracket and

10 extending upwardly away therefrom, each of said clamps including an actuator for selectively opening or closing said clamps, wherein each of said clamps are closed when said actuators are in a downward position located generally adjacent to said bracket and open when said actuators are spaced away from said brackets, each of said clamps being selectively coupled to the floor rail; and

15 a locking assembly for selectively locking said actuators in said downward position.

2. (original) The assembly of claim 1, said bracket having a central portion and a pair of arms, said central portion abutting said top end and each of said arms abutting one of said first and second sides.

25 3. (original) The assembly of claim 1, wherein said plurality of clamps includes at least three clamps spaced from each other.

4. (original) The assembly of claim 2, wherein said locking assembly includes:

an elongated member having a plurality of spaced apertures extending therethrough;

a plurality of threaded posts, each of said posts being attached to and extending outwardly from a first of said arms, each of said posts being positioned for extending into one of said apertures;

5 a plurality of fasteners, each of said fasteners being removably coupled to one of said posts, wherin said elongated member may be selectively mounted on and secured to said posts such that said actuators are positioned between said elongated member and said bracket.

5. (currently amended) A quick release mud flap assembly ~~for removably attaching, said assembly being removably attachable~~ to a floor rail of a vehicle, said 10 assembly comprising:

a flexible panel having a bottom end, a top end, a pair of side edges, a first side and a second side;
a rigid bracket being attached to and extending along a length of said top end, said 15 bracket having a central portion and a pair of arms, said central portion abutting said top end and each of said arms abutting one of said first and second sides;

20 a plurality of clamps, each of said clamps being attached to said bracket and extending upwardly away therefrom, each of said clamps including an actuator for selectively opening or closing said clamps, wherein each of said clamps are closed when said actuators are in a downward position located generally adjacent to said bracket and open when said actuators are spaced away from said brackets, each of said clamps being selectively coupled to the floor rail;

25 a locking assembly for selectively locking said actuators in said downward position, said locking assembly including;

an elongated member having a plurality of spaced apertures extending therethrough;

30 a plurality of threaded posts, each of said posts being attached to and extending outwardly from a first of said arms, each of said posts being orientated perpendicular to a plane of said first arm, each of

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said posts being positioned for extending into one of said apertures; plurality of fasteners, each of said fasteners being removably coupled to one of said posts, each of said fasteners comprising a fly nut, wherein said elongated member may be selectively mounted on and secured to said posts such that said actuators are positioned between said elongated member and said bracket.